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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

In the specification:

Applicant has corrected some errors in translation and has given some clarifications.

The paragraph beginning at page 1, line 25 (SUMMARY) has been amended according to the Independent Claims.

In the claims:

As stated in the Preamble of amended Claims 1, 3, 4 the present invention refers to Flexible Drinking Straws that accompany packed fruit juices, milks, coffees etc. and are continuously bent until their use in order to take up less space.

These straws are industrial products. They have a separate production line and are completely different from the straight flexible straws of general use (e.g. GB - A - 1,219,595).

- They have smaller size.
- They are thinner.
- The end product is a straw in bent position and always in a suitable packaging depending on the product it accompanies.

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So, the straw of present invention can only be compared with the straws of the same type (e.g. US 4 036 392 - Martin or EP 0 327 244 - Elopak).

Of course a consumer can obtain a straight straw from the market (e.g. a straw like in documents GB - A - 1,219,595 or JP 08 - 056 802 or JP 09 - 276 113) and may give to it any possible shape during using but the same consumer cannot do the same with a straw that accompany packed fruit juices etc. and is continuously bent until their use in order to take up less space (please see on page 1, lines 12 - 24). This is just the problem that the present invention solves.

The existence of certain contracted folds after bending lends new qualities to the product (complete straightening up and functionality - Independent Claims 5, 9). The end product is described in Independent Claim 11.

Applicant wishes also to inform the Office that some people (a sort of criminals) follow him all over the world and try hard to cancel his applications in various countries. Applicant has informed about this situation the Greek Government and all the Parties. Applicant has also informed them that the biggest percentage of the royalties will be allocated for the Public Benefit.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

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